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REQUEST FOR OFFICE ACTION TO BE VACATED AS INCOMPLETE
AND NEW ACTION TO ISSUE

SIR:

The final rejection of June 14, 2004 has been reviewed. It is incomplete, and applicants are entitled to a complete, correct Office Action.

One of the issues raised by the Examiner was an alleged lack of entitlement to a priority claim.

See the September 23, 2003 Office Action, point 2.

Applicants contested this assertion. See page 5 of their amendment, third and fourth paragraphs.

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The final rejection does not address this argument, and merely reiterates the prior position taken by the Examiner even though applicants specifically requested an explanation should the Examiner disagree.

Further, there are gaps in the rejection at page 7, last two lines (the sentence is incomplete), and page 11, the paragraph beginning "(c)", (incomplete), and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is directed to canceled claims.

As such, the action is incomplete. A new action is called for, with a re-set due date.

Should the Examiner disagree, a discussion with the Group Director is sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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